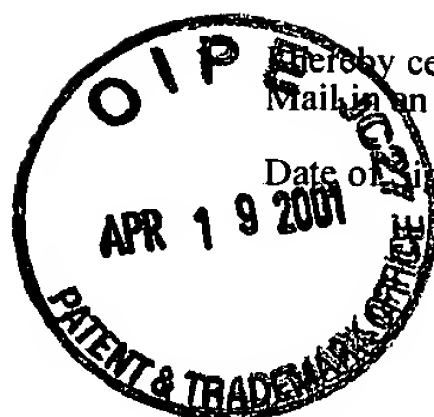


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RESPONSE

Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed December 13, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 8, delete the paragraph beginning on line 8 and ending on line 19 and insert the following paragraph:

B' Fig. 1B shows a schematic map of *C. elegans* GON-1, the location of five protein-truncating stop mutants in GON-1 and a comparison to the protein structures of the murine ADAMTS-1 protein, and the bovine procollagen-I N-proteinase (P1NP) protein. From left to right, GON-1 includes a prodomain, a metalloprotease domain, a first cysteine rich region, a thrombospondin type I motif, a second cysteine rich region, and a plurality of thrombospondin type I-like motifs. The five mutants are identified as *q518* (aa591 TGG->TGA), *e2551* (aa1069 TGG->TAG), *e2547* (aa1229 TGG->TGA), *q18* (aa1234 TGG->TAG) W->stop, and *e1254* (aa1345 CGA->TGA) R->stop).